

Septic systems

Harwich firm gets contract to build two septic systems

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DUXBURY — A Harwich construction company has been awarded a \$588,331 contract to build two innovative shared septic systems designed to reduce Duxbury Harbor pollution.

Town Manager Rocco Longo said the contract was awarded to the Robert B. Our Co., the company that submitted the lowest of the 14 bids the town received to build the two projects simultaneously.

"They came very highly recommended by our consulting engineers," Longo said.

The two projects, officially known as the Bluefish River-Snug Harbor wastewater collection and disposal systems, are viewed by state officials as models for other communities faced with Title 5 disposal problems.

Longo said the 13 unsuccessful bidders have 10 working days to challenge the contract award. In addition, he said, the Our company

must post a performance bond before construction can begin.

The Snug Harbor project will link sewer lines from 10 properties to a shared leaching field at the Duxbury Yacht Club golf course.

The Bluefish River project will link sewer lines from three houses near the Washington Street bridge to a shared leaching field at the new Ellison Center for the Arts, the former Holy Family Church site.

In separate votes, town meeting last year authorized borrowing up to \$650,000 to build the two projects — \$500,000 for Snug Harbor and \$150,000 for Bluefish River. Much of the cost is to be recovered through betterment fees that the selectmen, acting as sewer commissioners, will levy on property owners once construction has been completed.

Longo said the Our company bid of \$588,331, plus engineering fees of approximately \$40,000, means the two projects should be built for less than the amount authorized by town meeting.